CHAPTER NO. 690

SENATE BILL NO. 2616

By Crowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2687

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to lottery scholarship eligibility.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-918(a), is amended by deleting the second sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following sentence:

If, however, such student is separated from active duty under a fully honorable discharge before applying for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, then the student shall apply for a scholarship within one (1) year of the date of separation from active duty under a fully honorable discharge or within seven (7) years of the student's date of entry into military service, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-918(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(d) This section shall not apply to any person whose discharge is not fully honorable. Discharges under honorable conditions and general discharges do not establish eligibility for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship under this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 6, 2004

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER

APPROVED this 18th day of May 2004

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR